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Hon. Douglas E. Arpert, U.S.M.J. United States District Court, District of New Jersey Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse 402 East State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: <u>Lakewood Board of Education v. New Jersey Legislature, et al.</u>

Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-14690 (FLW/DEA)

Dear Judge Arpert:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Defendants New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Commissioner of Education Lamont O. Repollet (collectively "DOE Defendants") seeking clarification of the deadline for the DOE Defendants to file a reply brief in further support of their motion to dismiss in the above-referenced matter.

The DOE Defendants' motion to dismiss was originally returnable February 3, 2020. Based on that return date, Plaintiff's opposition to the DOE Defendants' motion would have been due January 21, 2020, and the DOE Defendants' reply brief would have been due January 27, 2020. Plaintiff, however, filed its opposition to the DOE Defendants' motion on January 30, 2020. As the original January 27 deadline for a reply is clearly no longer applicable, I ask that the deadline for the DOE Defendants to file a reply brief in further support of their motion to dismiss be set for February 20, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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Respectfully submitted,

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